

REMARKS

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14-17

Claims 1-5, 7-12, and 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Arner et al. (US 2002/0002599; henceforth “Arner”), and further in view of Applicant’s admission. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner asserts that Arner discloses substantially all of the features recited in claim 1. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Arner discloses “storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads” and “providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads based on the respective camping pad attribute information of the camping pads of the camping facilities”. However, Applicant submits that the Examiner has misconstrued the reference.

Claim 1 recites:

“A camping facility reservation method, for making a camping facility reservation, comprising:

storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility;

storing camping vehicle attribute information for a given camping vehicle;

obtaining reservation request information concerning the camping facility and the given camping vehicle; and

providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads based on the respective camping pad attribute

information of the camping pads of the camping facility and the camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle.”

Arner is directed to a real-time global positioning system (GPS) application in two-way mobile wireless networks. Paragraphs [0352]-[0353] of Arner disclose one embodiment which includes a handheld computer that allows a user to find businesses near their current location. Specifically, this embodiment involves a tourist traveling to visit a national park. The computer allows the user to inquire about camp sites within a defined distance of their location. The computer also allows the user to query the availability of campsites at a given camp ground and optionally reserve a campsite via external services available to the application program.

Arner provides no teaching or suggestion regarding making reservations for camping vehicles. There is also no teaching or suggestion that camping vehicle attribute information on a camping vehicle is stored, or that reservation request information concerning a camping facility and the given camping vehicle is obtained. There is not support in the references cited by the Examiner for teaching the claimed elements.

Further, Arner does not teach or suggest “storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility” as recited in claim 1. Arner also does not disclose “providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads of the camping facility and the camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle”, as recited in claim 1.

As discussed in paragraphs [0005]-[0017] of the present specification, “camping pads are not fungible units.” Camping pads can have a number of varying characteristics. These include size, shape, construction materials, and amenities, for example. There is also a wide variety of camping vehicles. The variety in camping pads, combined with the variety of camping vehicles makes it so that not all camping pads are suitable for every type of camping vehicle. Further as

discussed in paragraph [0002], traditional reservation systems which had been used for other forms of lodging (hotels, etc.) treat all accommodations as fungible.

Claim 1 recites “storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility”. By “storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility”, a user is provided “an indication of one or more candidate camping pads based on the respective camping pad attribute information of the camping pads of the camping facility and the camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle” (i.e. a camping pad which is suitable for the user’s camping vehicle).

Arner does not teach or suggest “storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility”. Nor does Arner teach or suggest “providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads of the camping facility and the camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle.” Arner fails to teach or suggest at least these features of claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Arner in view of Applicant’s Admissions and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn..

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims dependant upon claims 1, 4 and 15 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies and respectfully requests that these rejections also be withdrawn.

Claim 6

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Arner and further in view of Applicant’s admissions, and further in view of Delorme et al (US 5,948,040; henceforth “Delorme”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 6 depends from claim 4 which has been shown above to be patentable over Arner in view of Applicant ’s Admissions. Delorme does not cure the deficiencies of Arner in view of

Applicant's Admissions. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 13

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Arner in view of Applicant's admissions and further in view of Inokuchi (US Pub. No. 2004/0080510). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 13 depends from claim 4 which has been shown above to be patentable over Arner in view of Applicant's Admissions. Delorme does not cure the deficiencies of Arner in view of Applicant's Admissions. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

Applicant submits that if the Examiner requires any further clarification with respect to the Applicant's invention in relation to the cited references, that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned representative. Specifically, Applicant submits that the references cited by the Examiner are not directed to a camping facility reservation method as claimed.
Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

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